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*Carnahan is a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.*

Washington, DC: On February 7, 2007, Congressman Carnahan voted to pass H.R. 720, the Water Quality Financing Act of 2007 out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The bill is expected to be debated on the floor in the near future.

H.R. 720 authorizes \$200 billion in federal grants over five years to capitalize Clean Water State Revolving Funds, which provide low interest loans to communities for wastewater infrastructure improvements. Missouri would receive \$400 million of this money.

The bill renews and enhances the requirement that construction workers on treatment work projects constructed with any assistance from federal funds will be paid not less than prevailing wages, as determined under the Davis-Bacon Act.

During his tenure in Congress, Carnahan has worked tirelessly to preserve standards set forth by the Davis-Bacon Act. In 2005, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Carnahan co-sponsored a bill to overturn the President's Executive Order rescinding the Davis-Bacon law, thereby ensuring that workers on federal contracts in parts of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida would be granted prevailing wages. This opposition of the President's policy was successful and the President changed his position.

"I remain committed to providing hard working Americans with a fair day's pay for a hard day's work. I am proud to say that in the Transportation Committee, we successfully blocked the Republican attempts to strip Davis-Bacon provisions from H.R. 720, and I look forward to seeing the bill progress to the full House."

-Congressman Russ Carnahan, MO-3